

Sri C. J. MUCKANNAPPA.—How can it be confidential?

Mr. SPEAKER.—If the Government says that it is confidential, I am helpless. In the House of Commons, if the Government says that it is not in public interest to disclose a document, there the matter ends. Neither the Members of the House nor the Speaker can compel the Ministers to make them public.

Sri C. J. MUCKANNAPPA.—In that case, Government can take shelter under this every time.

Mr. SPEAKER.—Government may do so. I am only quoting the procedure and convention in this regard.

Sri J. B. MALLARADHYA.—In answer to (d) Government admits that the affairs of the Club are restricted to about three months in an year. In (e) they have said that no action is proposed to be taken. May I know in what circumstances a full-time Secretary was appointed?

Sri T. MARIAPPA.—It is a private club. It manages its own affairs and it will be very difficult for Government to interfere in the affairs of a private club unless something goes radically wrong.

Government Nominees in the Bangalore Race Club.

*Q—53. Sri J. B. MALLARADHYA (Nanjangud).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the names of the Government nominees as Stewards and Committee members in the Bangalore Race Club;

(b) the basis for this selection and whether all or any of them have had any experience or knowledge of racing?

(c) whether any of them were nominees during the last year and, if so, how many meetings they attended and also the number of meetings held;

(d) whether they are aware that the composition of the Committee and Stewards has given considerable dissatisfaction to the racing public and a sense of disquiet in regard to the administration of the Club?

A.—Sri T. MARIAPPA (Minister for Finance).—

(a)—

Stewards.

Sriyuths—

- 1 S. M. Shivaji Rao.
- 2 Jeenabhai Devidoss, President, Mysore Chamber of Commerce, Bangalore.
- 3 G. Mathias, I.A.S., Secretary to Government, Finance Department, Bangalore.
- 4 L. S. Venkaji Rao, M.L.A.

Committee Members.

Sriyuths—

- 1 G. N. Nagaraja Rao, I.A.S., Commissioner of Excise and Commercial Taxes, Bangalore.
- 2 K. Narayanaswamy, I.A.S., Secretary to Government, Home Department, Bangalore.

(b) The selection was made having regard to the experience of the persons concerned.

(c) Yes, 3 of them were nominees during the last year—

Number of Committee meetings held ...	9
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Number of Stewards meetings held ...	3
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Number of meetings attended by them was:	
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Committee Meetings	9, 1, 5
Stewards Meetings	3, 1, 1

(d) No.

Sri J. B. MALLARADHYA.—May I know what is the experience of every one of these members who have been nominated either as Stewards or as Committee members in regard to horses or racing?

Sri T. MARIAPPA.—It is very difficult for me to answer this question. Some of these members have been there even before I took charge of this portfolio and it is presumed that they know something of the affairs which is entrusted to them.

Sri J. B. MALLARADHYA.—Are Government aware that even in the current year's racing there was a lot of fraud played on the race-going public and that many of the horses were doped and none of the members or stewards brought it to the notice of the public?

Sri T. MARIAPPA.—I am really very sorry and I refute every one of these allegations. No such thing has been brought to our notice. Particularly this year we issued instructions that the Commissioner who is in charge of the Department should be present there. Even the Home Secretary was there. It is easy to make allegations.

Sri J. B. MALLARADHYA.—I have asked a specific question and I want a specific answer. Have the members nominated by Government as Stewards any knowledge and experience of horses and racing? I am prepared to give instances where fraud has been committed on the race-going public.

Sri T. MARIAPPA.—They have been there for a long time and they know what it is.

Sri J. B. MALLARADHYA.—Being there for a long time is one thing but knowledge of horses and racing is quite a different matter. I want to know whether the Finance Minister has realised the importance of representation of Government on this Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER.—He has replied.

Sri J. B. MALLARADHYA.—I asked a specific question and I want a specific answer. I asked the question whether any or all of the members nominated by Government know anything about horses or horse racing and the answer was they have been there for a long time.

Sri T. MARIAPPA.—They have got experience and they know their affairs.

Sri J. B. MALLARADHYA.—How long has each one of these members been there? How long have Sri Jenabhai Devidos and Sri Shivaji Rao been there? How long has Sri Nagaraja Rao been there? I know that Sri Nagaraja Rao has been brought in only for the first time this year.

Sri T. MARIAPPA.—Sri Nagaraja Rao is in the Committee of Management. Sri Narayanaswami is in the Committee of Management. He is

the Home Secretary and his assistance is needed with a view to have the services of the police. Sri Nagaraja Rao is in charge of the Department. Sri Shivaji Rao has been there for more than two years. Sri Jenabhai was there once and the Finance Secretary is there for the last 3 or 4 years.

Sri J. B. MALLARADHYA.—What is the experience they have in racing? Do they know anything about horses?

Sri T. MARIAPPA.—They have been members of the Race Club. I do not know whether they have any knowledge about the biology of horses.

Sri J. B. MALLARADHYA.—Are Government aware that in spite of the existence of Government nominees, appointments are made carrying a salary of Rs. 60 or Rs. 70 per day, of people who have no knowledge and who know nothing about racing?

Sri T. MARIAPPA.—Even if appointments are made, we have no business to interfere because it is a private club and the members of the Committee of Management are responsible for that.

Sri G. VENKATAI GOWDA.—Is it a necessary qualification to have experience in betting to be on the Committee?

Sri T. MARIAPPA.—Such persons are excluded.

Sri M. RAMAPPA.—What is the provision under which Government is entitled to have its nominees on this body?

Sri T. MARIAPPA.—Only the Bye-laws of the Club. In the Bye-laws they have provided for nomination and therefore we nominate.

Seed Multiplication Farms in the State.

*Q.—56. **Sri Y. VEERAPPA** (Holenarasipur).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the number of seed multiplication farms in the State;

(b) the extent of wet and dry lands in each farm and what is the source of water for each farm (whether river-fed or channel-fed or tank-fed)?